### ALL OF COLORADO'S WATER IS BEING USED

(By Benjamin Franklin Fly)

If you want to see a sight that you will probably never have another chance to see, and if you want to smell something that will remind you of "Ordinance No. 4," for all the balance of your natural born days, just get aboard the U.S.R.S. motor car and ask the conductor to put you off opposite the C. D. Company's diversion dam at Andrade!

Then walk to the dam, about 300 vards, and see with your own eves that the mighty Rio Colorado is now completely dammed up at that point!

Not a drop of water flows below the dam! The stream has been completely diverted into the C. D. Company's canal and is being conveyed to Imperial valley-water, sand, silt and

And, what's the result?

Fish, by the hundreds and thousands of tons, fish enough to feed the European armies, more fish than the human eye ever before rested on at the same time, are floundering about in the mudholes, or left high and dry on the sands, greet the eye as far as you can see down the river-and this, too after thousands and thousands of 10-, 20-, and 30-lb. salmon and other species have been buried in trenches dug for that purpose by the .C. D. Company's workmen.

And yet, with all this precaution to guard the public health of that locality. the "fishy stench" actually made me think I was again reading "Ordinance No. 4" when I visited the diversion dam yesterday afternoon in company with Mr. O. P. Taylor, the moving picture man, who took a series of fine moving pictures of the diversion 7,000,000 bushels of shells. The natudam, the canal intake, the suction ral oyster beds were threatened with dredger, Indians catching the half-ex- destruction and this resulted in the hausted fish-and in fact a birds'-eye oyster culture, which has developed view of the whole surroundings.

before in its history has it been so two-thirds of the value of the product, low at this season of the year as it are derived from artificial beds. In is at the present time, and the flow 1911 planters spread 17,000,000 bushels being so sluggish the sand and silt of young oysters, shells and gravel is settling to such an extent all the over their 500,000 acres of oyster way from the diversion dam to Yuma farms; and they harvested a crop of that before another rise the bed of the over 15,000,000 bushels of oysters, river will more than likely have raised several feet, which will greatly en- 000,000. hance the danger of overflow when the annual high water reaches Yuma 00000000000000 next spring.

On Monday of this week there was but 2700 second-feet of water in the Colorado at Yuma, and it has remained around the 3000 mark ever since. This is equivalent to about 6,000 acrefeet per day, including sand, silt and everything else, and in view of the fact that all of this is now flowing into-the Imperial canal, farmers of the Yuma valley who get water from Laguna's "settling basin," where 50 per cent of the silt is removed by the said open the Bard school on next Monsettling process, can readily appreciate what their Imperial valley neigh. house all day Saturday for the purbors are "up against" from the silt pose of conferring with either parents

I said some time ago-and that is taught the Bard school last term. that Imperial valley must, in self protection, eventually get its water from Post cards at Yuma News Co.

valley.

But, above all things else, the present low stage of the river shows the absolute foolishness of attempting to construct a "high-line canal" to connect with the siphon canal for the purpose of irrigating the Imperial county lands above the C. D. company system. If such a scheme were now in vogue they would not have water enough up in those sand dunes to wet a capary's whistle, let alone irrigate 216,000 acres additional to the acreage already under cultivation in Imperial valley, for Yuma project gets the water first, C. D. Co. second, and then what is left would go to the sanddunites. As a matter of fact it would be absolutely criminal to undertake such a scheme until a comprehensive system of water storage can be devised somewhere above Yuma. perial valley now requires every drop of water in the Colorado, and then

#### WRITES BOOK ON DIGNITY OF OYSTER

H. F. Moore, Deputy Commissioner of Fisheries, at Washington, has now written a very interesting history of 'Oysters: The Food that Has Not the earliest American settlers sussisted largely upon oysters, and that the Indians along the coast were scientific enough to prepare them in the dry or smoked state, which enabled them to barter them in the interior of the country.

On the Damariscotta River in Maine, where not a single oyster is to be found, there is a mound containing until about one-half of the oysters The Colorado keeps falling. Never produced in this country, and nearly worth to them approximately

The man who does not enjoy O O himself in his business will never O C know what happiness is. 0

0 The limit of rest is very soon O O reached, and then misery follows O

SEES PATRONS BEFORE OPENING THE SCHOOL

Prof. S. J. Anker, of Los Angeles, has just arrived in Yuma, and will day. He will be at the Bard school or pupils who want to discuss school It only goes to substantiate what matters with him. Professor Anker

# Yuma project, and the sooner that is done the better it will be for Imperial VILLA BECOMES ACTIVE; DR. MEAD'S SPEECH walley

(By Benjamin Franklia Fly)

According to authentic telegraphic news received in Yuma this morning, gress throughout those states in Mexico dominated by Villa and Zapata.

Contrary to reports that have been given out to the press during the last two weeks, Villa still holds Torreon. and has no idea of abandoning Chi- Yuma project. huahua or Juarez. He is, however, rushing an extra force of well-equipped soldiers to Nogales, with the the following reasons, as explained in avowed intention of driving General Dr. Mead's personal letter to me. Calles out of Sonora or utterly anni- Under date of Sept. 21, he writes hilating his army.

Douglas, Naco and Cananea will fall he will swing across the mountains about in this way: I thought Mr. to Guaymas and Mazatlan, join forces Clark (his private stenographer) had with Zapata and thence on to Mexico

Villa and his followers. Out of defer- dering why it did not appear." ence to his promise to General Scott, but in view of the depredations being again. committed in Sonora by Carranza followers, Villa has resolved first to rid his domain of that element and then strike a death blow at the very gates of the First Chief.

Senor Don Jesus R. Lozada, Villa's consul here in Yuma, has been trans- would be, at the time Dr. Mead promferred to Calexico. He left for his ised to send it to me for the Yuma new post this afternoon. Last night Daily Examiner. he was tendered a farewell reception at the Avila residence as a token of is in store for project farmers, but the high esteem in which he is held a genuine revolution of thought along in this city. Mr. and Mrs. James the line of state and government aid Hodges, the Balderas family, Misses Margaret and Francis Hodges, Miss back to the farm, and honest enough Noriega, Misses Chavez, Miss Jennie Polhamus, Mr. Nuno and the Avila desert lands for their loved ones. family were among those doing honor to their departing guest.

"I am really sorry that duty calls me from Yuma," said consul Lozada this morning, "for I have been most royally treated by Yuma's citizens, all scientific and Most Unfair to Settlers. during my stay here. And I am more than sorry that my sudden departure Sales on Rural Development. prevents me from saying 'good-bye' to all those who have been so kind to nomic Problems of Settlement. me. Important matters are about to happen in Mexico, however, and I am ordered a little closer to the border. I hope to visit Yuma frequently, though my new home will be in Calexico."

### of fast. HORSE RECOGNIZES ITS OLD-TIME MASTER

DAVENPORT, Wash., Sept. 23 .-When County Prosecutor David Mc. speech of the farmers greatest cham-Callum passed a horse hitched to a pion, will appear in full in the Yuma. railing, the animal nipped at him and Daily Examiner on Saturday, Septembegan to prance around. Struck by ber 25, 1915. the strange actions, the prosecutor stopped and recognized a mare which farmers, and everybody else interesthe, as a farm lad, had raised, but had ed in bettering the farmer's condinot seen for eight years. Bystanders tion-get ready for this great treat declared the horses recognition of the man was unmistakable.

## LOZADA LEAVES TOWN TO APPEAR SATURBAY

(By Benjamin Franklin Fly)

It is with much real pleasure that I can announce to the readers of the radical military changes are in pro- Yuma Daily Examiner that I am in receipt of the original copy of Dr. Elwood Mead's speech, which was promised when he was in Yuma as a member of the board of cost review for the reservation unit of the

> The speech should have reached me several days ago, but did not for 'My Dear-Mr. Fly:

"I am distressed to know that you .. easy prey to Villa's forces, after which did not receive my speech. It came mailed it and he thought I mailed it. and we have both been looking at That is the immediate plan of Gen. every copy of the Examiner, and won-

The explanation is satisfactory, my Villa has recently avoided a conflict, dear Doctor, but don't let it happen

> Now, let me say a few words to the land owners on the Yuma project:

I regard Dr. Mead's speech as the greatest treat, along the lines discussed, that has ever been given pro-The next ten days will bring about ject formers! It is a masterpiece Gone Up." Mr. Moore tells us that a great change, according to my in- from a deep thinker, from a master mind!

It is exactly what I predicted it.

It is not only a revelation of what to those who are brave enough to go to attempt to make a living on the

Dr. Mead's great speech is arranged under nine distinct headings, as fol-

- 1. State Aid in Land Settlement.
- 2. Present Methods Wasteful, Un-
- 3. Influence of Profits from Land
- 4. The Need for Study of the Eco-
- 5. State Aid in Reclamation of the Public Lands Indespensible.
- 6. State Aid in Land Settlement a Success in Other Countries.
- 7. Conditions Favorable for Change in America.
- 8. State Aid Would Entail No Expense on the Public.

9. The Objection of Paternalism.

Lack of necessary time to "set it up" precludes the possibility of its publication in today's issue-but this much talked-of revolutionary speech, this speech from the best posted man on irrigation in America, this great

Get ready, you valley farmers, Bard

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